

**Connecticut Secretary of State
Board of Accountancy
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Explanation of the Complaint Process

While not mandatory, completion of the form will further assist in the investigation of your complaint.

Upon receiving your complaint form, we will send a copy to the respondent asking for his/her written response to the board within 30 days. Once that response has been received, it will be reviewed and a disposition may be recommended. However, if additional information is necessary, an investigation will be initiated. The legal staff will present the findings to the Board, which has the sole authority to determine the appropriate action.

Please understand that the Board can only take formal action if it finds sufficient basis that the licensee violated Connecticut state laws or regulations. In the case of a hearing, formal charges may be filed against the licensee. The licensee will be given an opportunity to defend himself or herself. If the Board votes to hold a formal hearing, you may be subpoenaed to testify. This process can take a considerable period of time.

If an investigation into the matter is conducted, the information is subject to public disclosure only after the completion of the investigation. You are also advised that the completed complaint form is a "government record," which the Board may be obligated to provide to anyone making a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

If the complaint involves a dispute over fees, please be advised that the Board has limited jurisdiction over fees charged by professionals. You will be notified in writing when a final determination has been made.

Please complete the attached Pending Litigation Form, if this matter is currently or was previously before a criminal or civil court. Further, you may wish to attach information regarding additional professional and consumer complaints.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board.

Complaint Form

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
OFFICE RECORD

DATE RECEIVED _____
COMPLAINT NO. _____
LICENSING INFORMATION _____
CERTIFICATE INFORMATION _____
EXPIRATION DATE _____

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO APPEAR AT A FORMAL HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD.

Please type/print clearly

TYPE OF COMPLAINT (Please check all that apply)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independence | <input type="checkbox"/> Audit Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> By Unlicensed Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Misconduct | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Return Errors | <input type="checkbox"/> By Unregistered Firm | <input type="checkbox"/> Embezzlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict of Interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/recordkeeping | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confidentiality | <input type="checkbox"/> Incompetence | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return of Client Records | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

Complainant Information (Individual making the claim)

Full Name: _____ Email Address: _____
Home Phone: (____)-____-____ Mailing Address: _____
Work Phone: (____)-____-____ _____

Respondent Information (Individual/Firm against which Complaint is made)

Full Name: _____ Work Phone: (____)-____-____
Home Phone: (____)-____-____ Mailing Address: _____

Contract Information

Did the person represent that he/she is a licensed CPA? _____ Dispute Amount _____

Date of contract (Month, Day, and Year)/ Incident _____ Page 2 of 4

PENDING COMPLAINTS/LITIGATION:

1. Case Name. (Include case number):

2. Attorney(s) Name(s) for all parties involved:

Complainant's Attorney:

Respondent's Attorney:

3. Confidentiality Agreement(s) between the parties. Yes ___ No ___

4. Litigation Type. Civil ___ Criminal ___

5. Nature of the litigation. (Include a brief description of the charge(s) or claim(s) regarding the case):
Please feel free to attach necessary documentation.

6. Case Status. (Include disposition or future court dates): _____

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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